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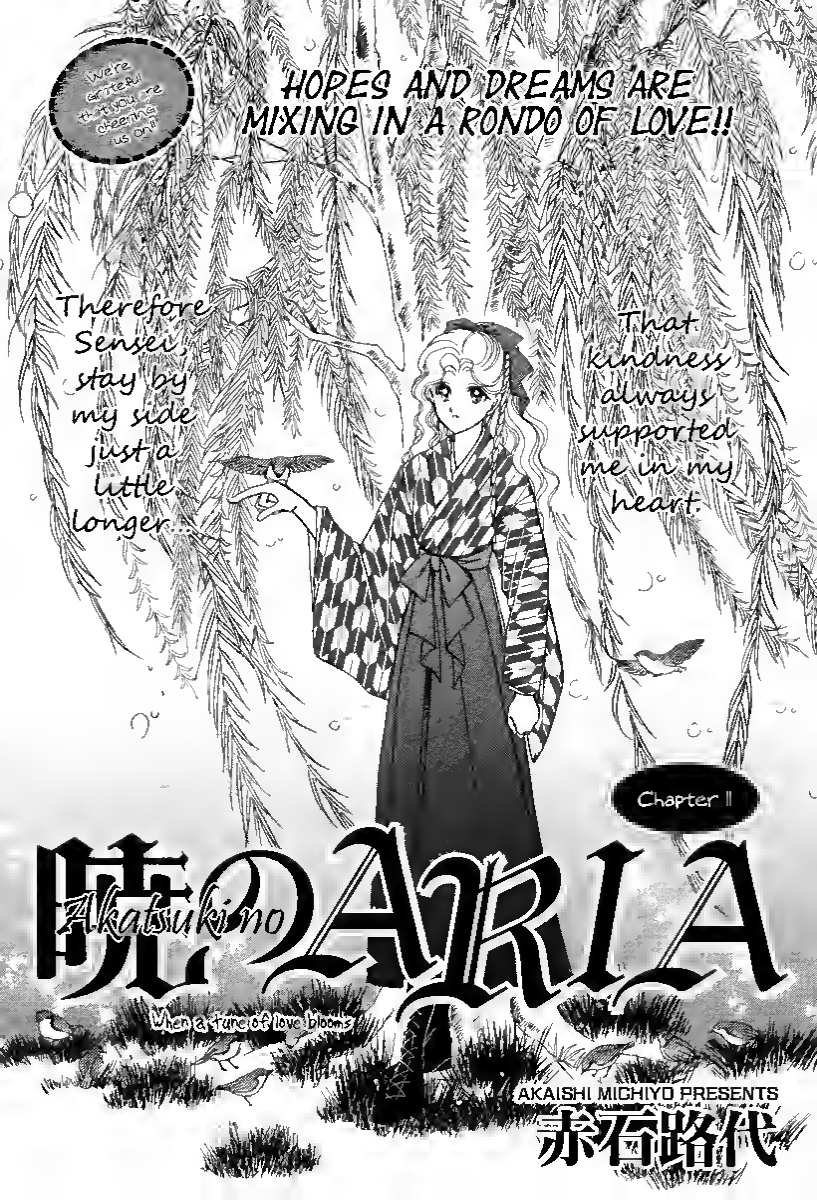

I were entered, the two of us are dreaming as one.
HOPES AND DREAMS ARE MIXING IN A RONDO OF LOVE!!
Therefore Sensei, stay by my side just a little longer...
That kindness always supported me in my heart.
Chapter II
暁のARIA
Akatsuki no
When a tune of love blooms
AKAISHI MICHIYO PRESENTS
赤石路代

T/N: HEKE SUMI-SAN IS REFERRING TO HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

あらすじ&人物紹介

ピアニストを目指し才能を開花させていくありあだが、その左手は動かなくなる可能性があった。兄の夏王に続いて白雪も彼女の左手の異変に気づき、病院へ付き添う。だがその間に寮生中だった彼の妻が急死する。白雪はありあに惹かれながら妻の最期に間に合わなかったことに、深い罪悪感を覚える。そんな折に白雪は叶亜し…。

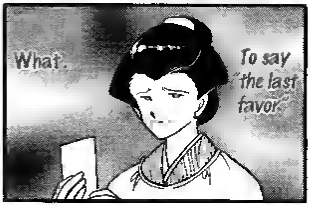
海原ありあ●明るく前向きな性格の美少女。妻の喪に服すありあが気になるが…。

西御門夏王●名門、西御門家の嫡男でありあの異母兄。ありあを溺愛されている。

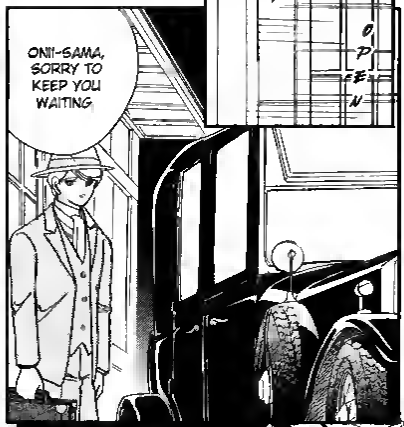
西御門亜耶子●ありあに敵対心を抱く異母姉妹。

白雪美之介●音楽学校の先生で、ありあの憧れの的。生徒の才能を見抜く審美眼の持ち主でもある。

暁のARIA


What.
To say "the last favor."

This is... addressed to the rumored female student.
Kohara Aria-sama


ONII-SAMA, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
OPEN

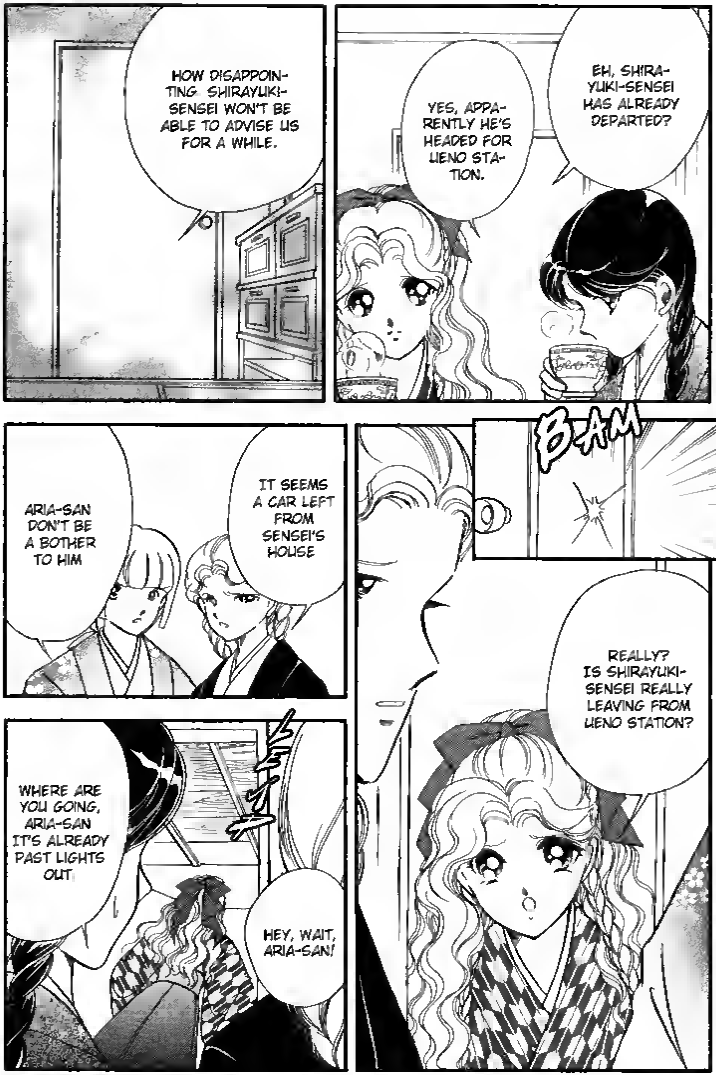
THEY SAY THAT SHE DIED. I HEARD THAT SENSEI IS HEADED TO UENO TRAIN STATION.
EH? DIED? DIDN'T I JUST HEAR THAT SHE WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION?

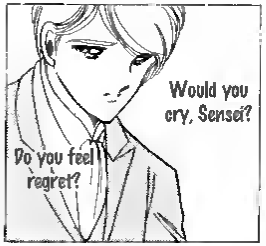
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S ARIA-SAN.
ARIA?

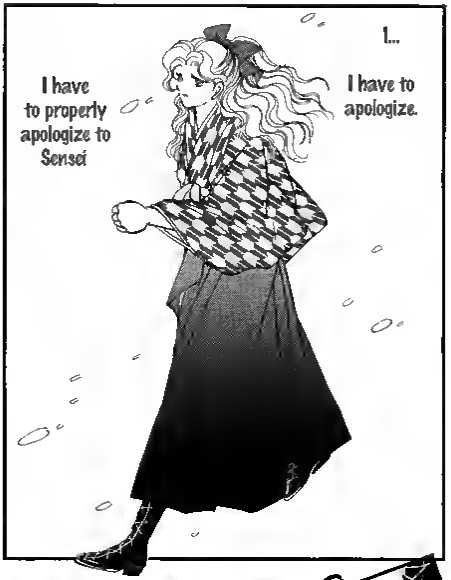
NATSUO-SAN, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
HOW PITIFUL SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI'S WIFE DIED OF AN ILLNESS OF THE LUNG.

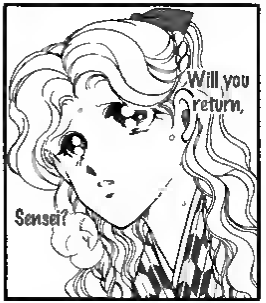
*T/N "MA'AM" OR "MADAM"
O-OKU-SAMA* I'M SORRY
STOP SAYING SUCH THINGS!
IT'S ALREADY BECOME A WELL KNOWN RUMOR
SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI WAS TOGETHER WITH HER DURING THE TIME THAT HIS WIFE WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION
NATSUO-SAN?
HAVE THE CAR BROUGHT OUT.
NATSUO-SAN, YOU TOO, DON'T GO SAYING ANY-THING UN-NECESSARY.
MAKE SURE THAT AYAKO NEVER HEARS ABOUT THIS. WE FINALLY GOT HER TO GIVE UP ON SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI AND GO TO A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? NATSUO-SAN.
TO TOKYO MUSIC ACADEMY
YES
Y-YES

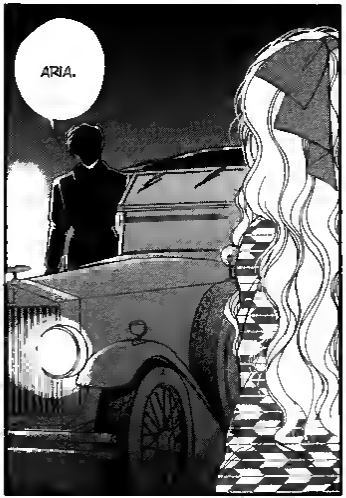
Natsuo-san, it couldn't be that you...
Aria-san?
The music academy...
towards Aria...
SQUEEZE
Girl's dorm
HERE YOU GO, ARIA-SAN. ONCE YOU'VE HAD SOME TEA, YOU'LL FEEL BETTER
THANK YOU, SANAE-SAN.


HOW DISAPPOINTING SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI WON'T BE ABLE TO ADVISE US FOR A WHILE.
EH, SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI HAS ALREADY DEPARTED?
YES, APPARENTLY HE'S HEADED FOR UENO STATION.
IT SEEMS A CAR LEFT FROM SENSEI'S HOUSE
ARIA-SAN DON'T BE A BOTHER TO HIM
BAM
REALLY? IS SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI REALLY LEAVING FROM UENO STATION?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ARIA-SAN IT'S ALREADY PAST LIGHTS OUT
HEY, WAIT, ARIA-SAN!

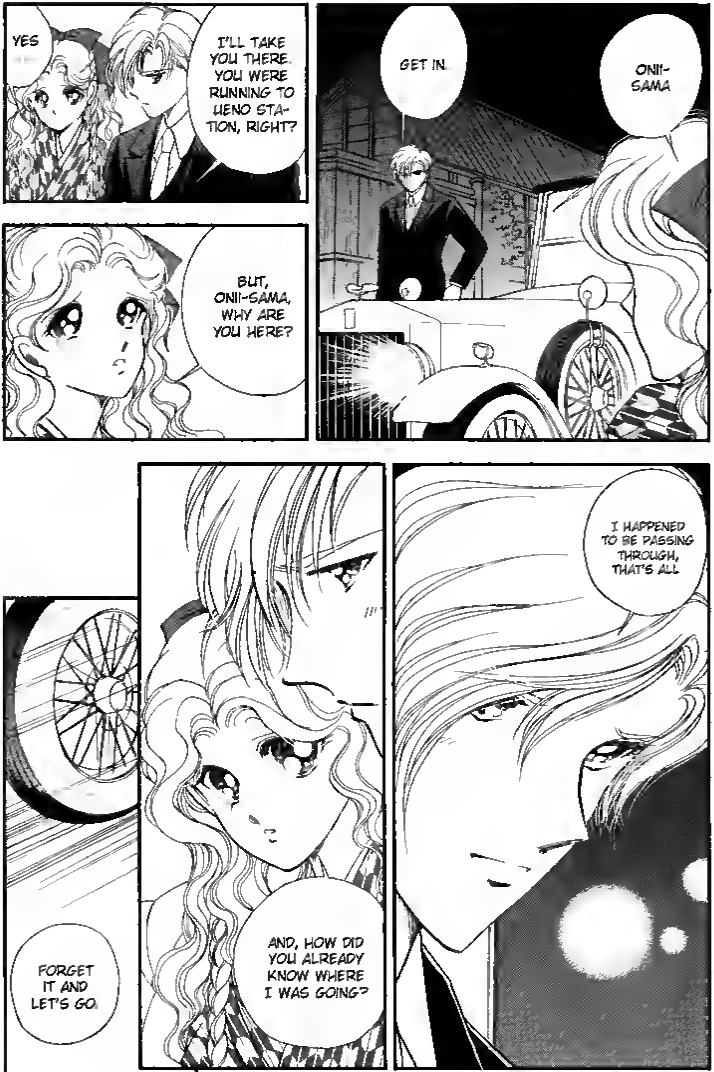

Would you cry, Sensei?
Do you feel regret?


I...
I have to apologize.
I have to properly apologize to Sensei


Will you return, Sensei?


ARIA.

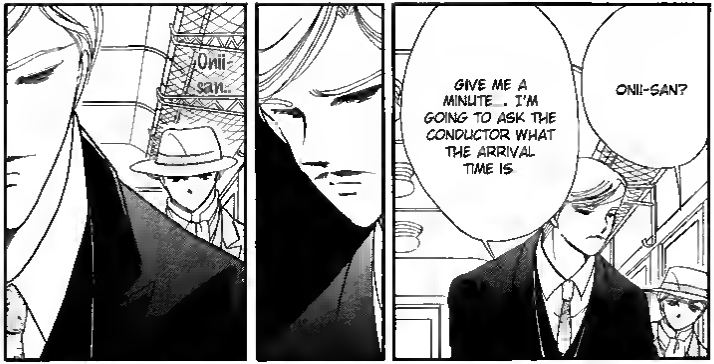
AH
CLICK

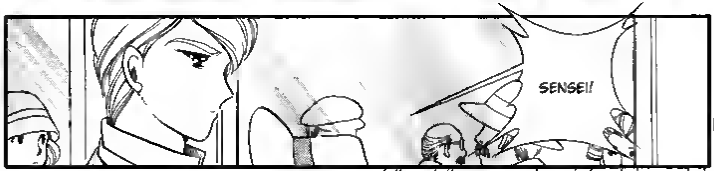

YES
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE. YOU WERE RUNNING TO UENO STATION, RIGHT?
GET IN.
ONII-SAMA
BUT, ONII-SAMA, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I HAPPENED TO BE PASSING THROUGH, THAT'S ALL
AND, HOW DID YOU ALREADY KNOW WHERE I WAS GOING?
FORGET IT AND LET'S GO.

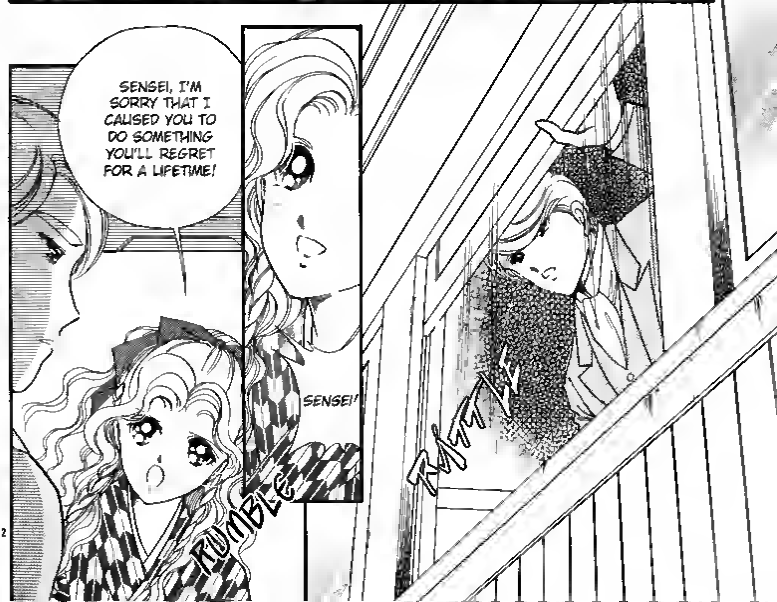
THANK YOU, ONII-SAMA.
AH, RIGHT.
SEE THERE, THE TRAIN IS LEAVING HURRY UP AND GO
SENSEI!
Click
Clack
SHIRA-YUKI-SENSEI!

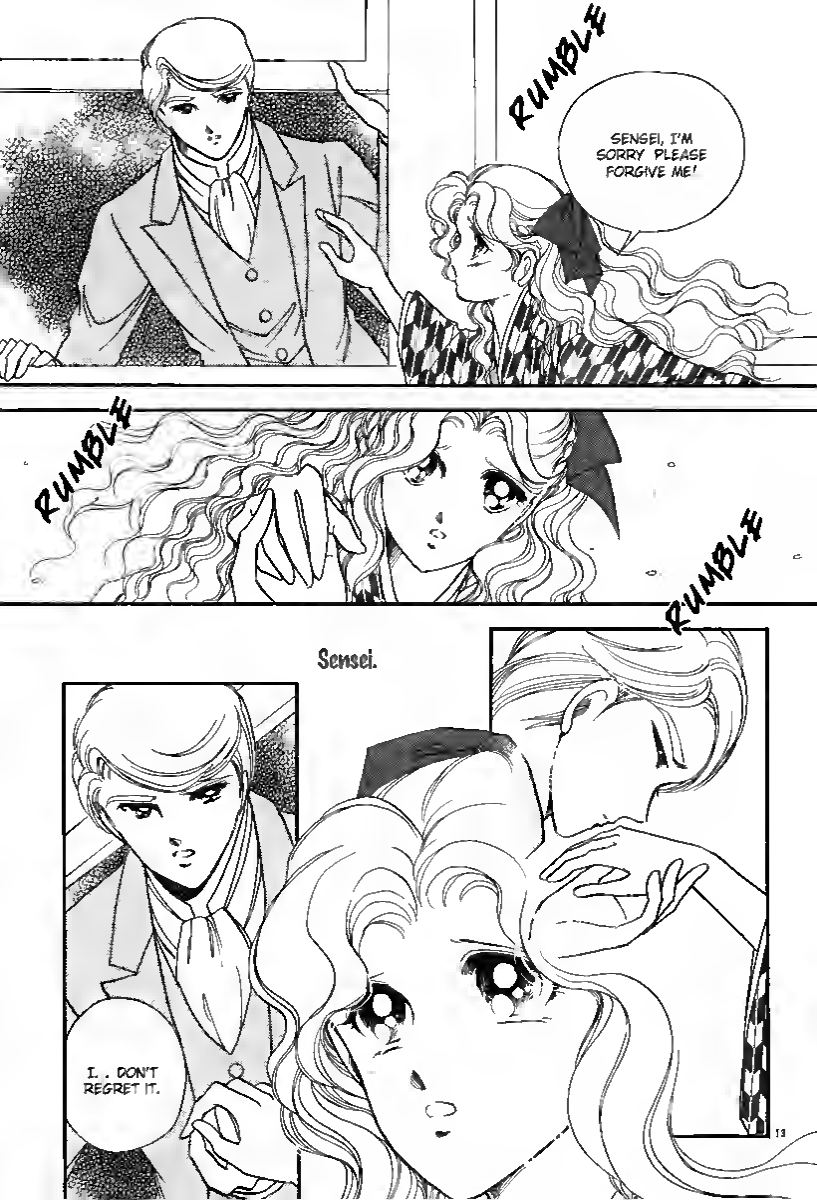
Kaibara-kun.
SENSEI!
WITHIN THIS LARGE CROWD,
RUNS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WILL ALWAYS STAND OUT AMONG THEM.

IT SEEMS THAT KINUE HAS COME TO GREET ME...
AH, THAT'S..
COUGH
COUGH
SENSEI, WHERE ARE YOU!?
SHINNOSUKE-KUN ON YOUR SLEEVE... ISN'T THAT BLOOD?
THE ILLNESS OF THE CHEST.
RUMBLE
WHERE ARE YOU!?
SENSEI!


Onii-san..
ONII-SAN?
GIVE ME A MINUTE... I'M GOING TO ASK THE CONDUCTOR WHAT THE ARRIVAL TIME IS


SENSEI!

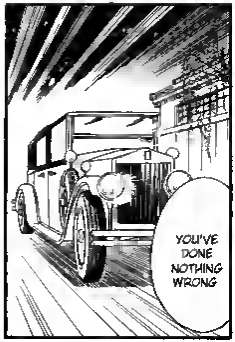

SENSEI, I'M SORRY THAT I CAUSED YOU TO DO SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET FOR A LIFETIME!
SENSEI!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


RUMBLE
SENSEI, I'M SORRY PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Sensei.
I. . DON'T REGRET IT.

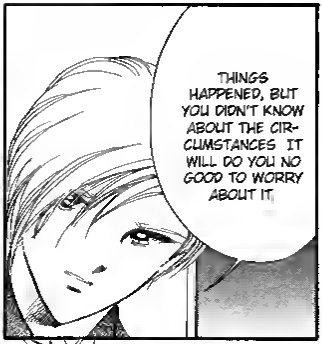
I had a bad feeling about-
SENSE---!
This is... a blood stain!?
If I let go of his hand
then
RUMBLE
I feel like we may never be able to meet again.
SENSEI!

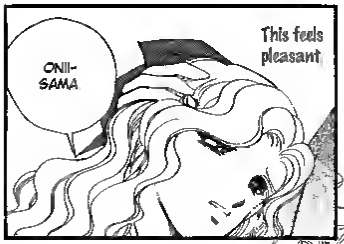
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YOU'LL COME BACK, RIGHT? YOU'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
ARIA
HOOOOO

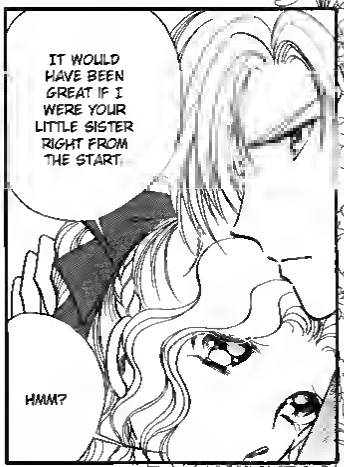
VROOM
LET'S HEAD BACK, ARIA THE CAR IS WAITING FOR US.
ONII-SAMA,
I'VE STOLE SOMEONE'S TIME.
THE TIME THAT SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI SHOULD HAVE SPENT WITH HIS WIFE.
NN
I... WON'T REGRET IT
But Shirayuki-sensei said that while kissing Aria.

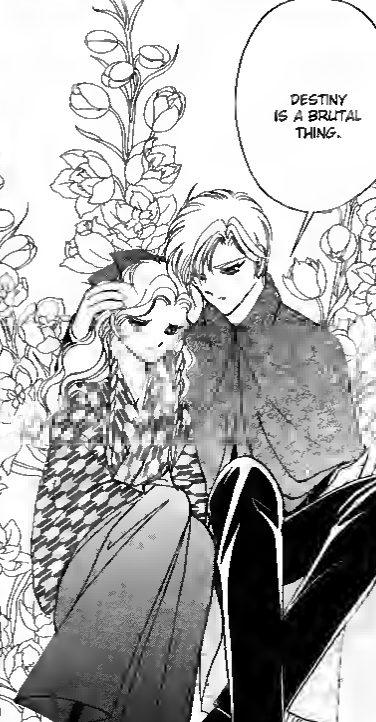

YOU'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG

BUT


THINGS HAPPENED, BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CIR-CUMSTANCES IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD TO WORRY ABOUT IT


ONII-SAMA
This feels pleasant

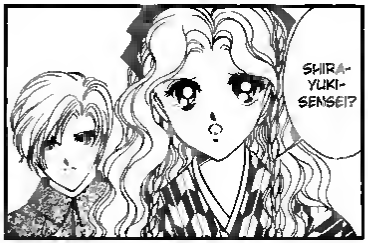

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF I WERE YOUR LITTLE SISTER RIGHT FROM THE START
HMM?


DESTINY IS A BRUTAL THING.

FU...
ONII-SAMA, IF YOU WERE TO ALWAYS TREAT ME THIS SWEETLY,
I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASANT
If you were my wife,
I would treat you sweetly for the rest of your life.
AH...
NATSUO-SAMA,
IT'S NOTHING ...
THANK YOU ONII-SAMA. I KNOW YOU'RE VERY BUSY.
WE SHOULD HURRY IT'S TIME FOR KUJOU-SAMA'S ARRIVAL

HE REQUESTED THAT I HAND IT TO YOU.
THIS IS A LETTER FROM SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI.

AH, PERFECT TIMING, ARIA-SAN HAS JUST RETURNED.


SHIRA-YUKI-SENSEI?

CRINKLE

RUSTLE

ARIA-SAN? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

To
Kashara-kun,

I am departing very suddenly, so I might have caused you to worry

The thing is, there is something that I couldn't tell you

It has to do with your hand

Your hand's nerve is damaged. If you force it, I'm afraid it will go from bad to worse.

MY HAND

I THOUGHT SO

ARIA.

No matter where I am, I will be praying for you
SENSEI

If, by some turn of events, you lose use of your hand
Please do not despair!
There definitely will be another path!

ARIA-SAN.

From my heart, I am praying for your happiness and success

ARIA... THIS IS. .

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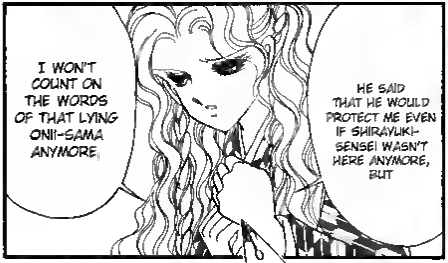
...
ONII-SAMA, YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU WERE TOLD THE SAME THING AT TEIDAI HOSPITAL, RIGHT?
HOW CRUEL! YOU SAID YOU WOULD PROTECT ME YOU LIED TO ME!
YOU SAID I WAS JUST FINE HOW CRUEL!
BANG
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT, YOU LIAR!
ARIA, YOU'RE WRONG IF BY CHANCE YOU WOULD
23

I felt that I wanted to protect you.
Even if you lost the use of that hand,
Regardless of what kind of destiny lies ahead waiting for you, what I wish is for you to do whatever you feel like doing.
NATSUO-SAMA, PLEASE HURRY
YES
My hand...
I might not be able to become a pianist...
It's going to become useless after all.

IT'S FINE I WON'T PUT MY TRUST IN ONII-SAMA ANYMORE
IS THAT ALRIGHT? HE LOOKS KIND OF PITIFUL.

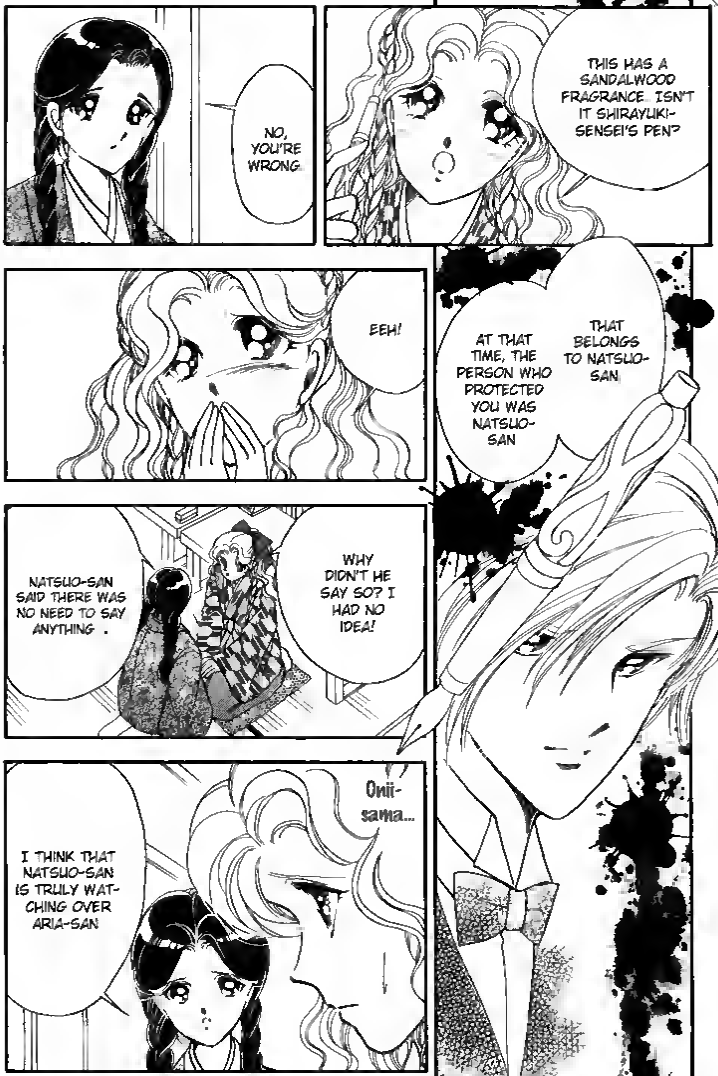
ARIA-SAN, NATSUO-SAN HAS GONE HOME


I WON'T COUNT ON THE WORDS OF THAT LYING ONII-SAMA ANYMORE
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PROTECT ME EVEN IF SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI WASN'T HERE ANYMORE, BUT

AH

WHEN ARIA-SAN WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT MAN AT SCHOOL, SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI CAME AND SAVED YOU, OR SO YOU TOLD ME
YES. IT HAS SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI'S SANDALWOOD FRAGRANCE.

ARIA-SAN, YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS DO YOU?
WHAT?
THAT PEN


THIS HAS A SANDALWOOD FRAGRANCE. ISN'T IT SHIRAYUKI-SENSEI'S PEN?
NO, YOU'RE WRONG.
THAT BELONGS TO NATSUO-SAN
AT THAT TIME, THE PERSON WHO PROTECTED YOU WAS NATSUO-SAN
EEH!
WHY DIDN'T HE SAY SO? I HAD NO IDEA!
NATSUO-SAN SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO SAY ANYTHING .
Onii-sama...
I THINK THAT NATSUO-SAN IS TRULY WATCHING OVER ARIA-SAN

I THINK. . HE'S ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT YOU, ARIA-SAN
SANAE-SAN. .
WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR HAND, I'M SURE NATSUO-SAN IS THINKING OF SOMETHING IN HIS OWN WAY.
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I HAPPENED TO BE PASSING THROUGH, THAT'S ALL
BUT, ONII-SAMA, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Yet, I did something cruel...
He was watching over me...

when it comes to Aria-san, he really does...
Could it be...
BE CAREFUL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP.
I'M GOING TO ONII-SAMA'S PLACE.
YES, I WILL.
Should write a story!
UFU, A FORBIDDEN LOVE BETWEEN SIBLINGS—JUST KIDDING
But the truth for Natsuo-san is
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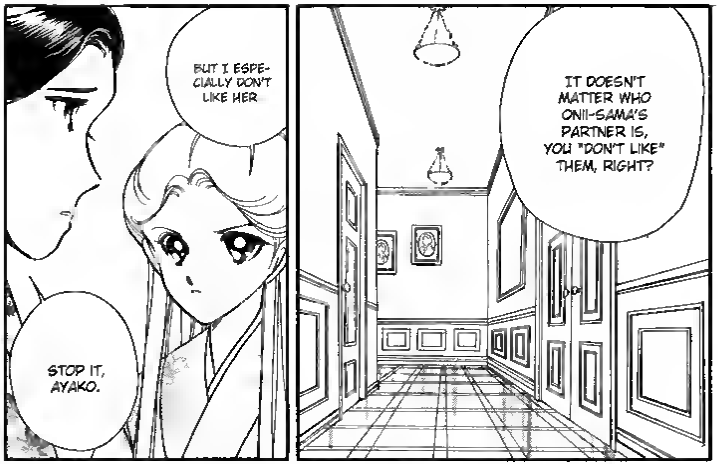
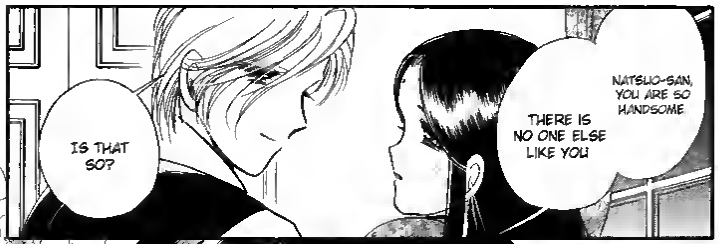
THIS BLACK TEA IS DELICIOUS, OBA-SAMA IS THIS FROM FRANCE?
ARE YOU SURE IT ISN'T THE DROP OF BRANDY IN IT THAT YOU FIND DELICIOUS?
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, I'LL BRING MORE BOILING WATER
WHAT IS IT, AYAKO? SIT AND SOCIALIZE SOME MORE
CLAP
I DON'T LIKE HER.


BUT I ESPECIALLY DON'T LIKE HER
STOP IT, AYAKO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO ONII-SAMA'S PARTNER IS, YOU "DON'T LIKE" THEM, RIGHT?


IS THAT SO?
THERE IS NO ONE ELSE LIKE YOU
NATSUO-SAN, YOU ARE SO HANDSOME

RIGHT NOW, YOU BEING HERE BESIDE ME IS LIKE A DREAM
IN THE PAST, YOU WERE AN OBJECT OF MY ADORATION. I'M SO HAPPY
YES YOU ARE BENIKO'S IDEAL

PLEASE, GO AHEAD.
MY APOLOGIES, I'M SORRY FOR HAVING TO LEAVE YOU ALONE

AH.
NATSUO-SAMA, THE MASTER IS ON THE PHONE FOR YOU

IT'S JUST... I NEED TO TALK TO NATSUO-SAN.
IF IT ISN'T ARIA-SAN.

ONII-SAMA IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A PHONE CALL

TH-THANK YOU.
Open
DO YOU MIND WAITING IN HERE? WE DO HAVE A GUEST HERE THOUGH.

G...GOOD EVENING.

THIS IS KUJOU BENIKO-SAMA, ONII-SAMA'S —— FIANCÉE
GOOD EVENING.
HMM, WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?
GOOD EVENING
THIS IS KAIBARA ARIA-SAN.
Onii-sama .. has a fiancée.
I AM NATSUO-SAN'S LITTLE SISTER. WE HAVE A DIFFERENT MOTHER THOUGH
AAH .. I HAVE HEARD YOUR NAME MENTIONED BEFORE

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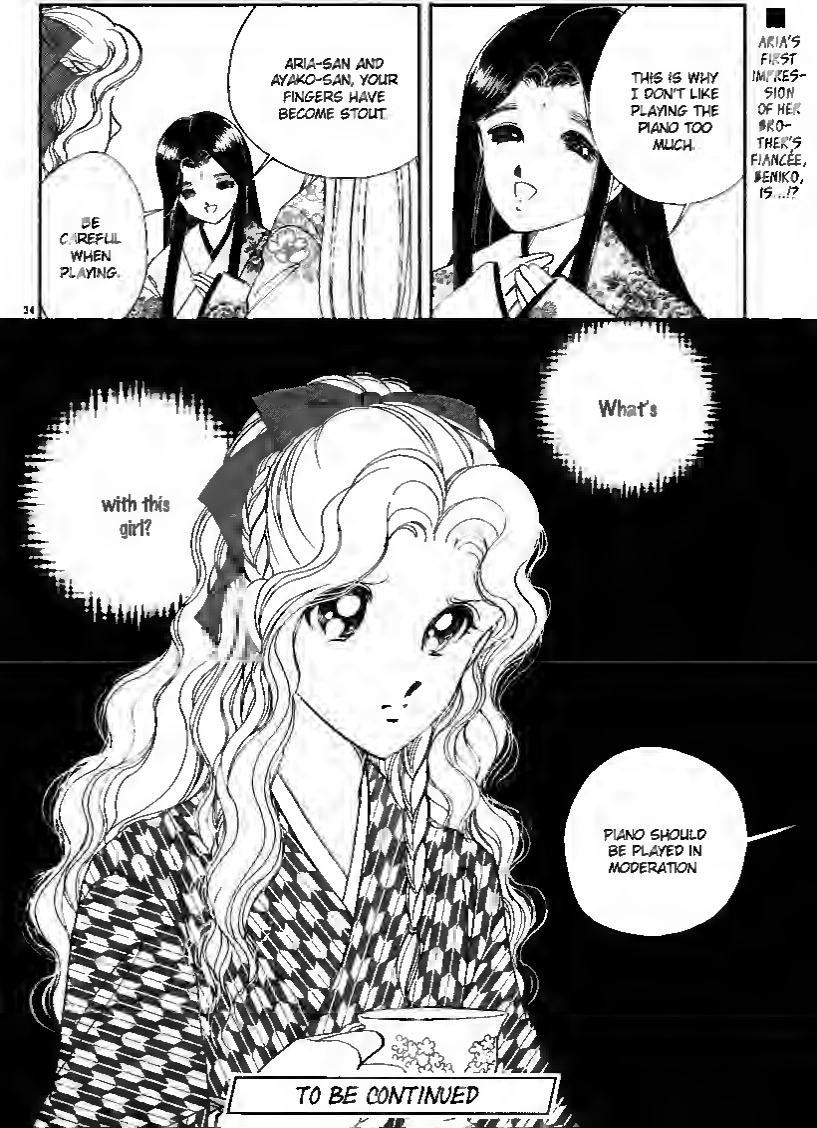
ARIA-SAN AND AYAKO-SAN, YOUR FINGERS HAVE BECOME STOUT.
BE CAREFUL WHEN PLAYING.
THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE PLAYING THE PIANO TOO MUCH.
ARIA'S FIRST IMPRESSION OF HER BROTHER'S FIANCÉE, BENIKO, IS...!?
What's
with this girl?
PIANO SHOULD BE PLAYED IN MODERATION
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